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**Subject:** Fwd: Review: PFBS Tox Assessment Press Release

Let us know what we need to know if anything.

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Begin forwarded message:

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**Subject:** RE: Review: PFBS Tox Assessment Press Release

Hi all,

Following up to see if there is a newer draft of this PR that incorporates the feedback provided.

Thanks!

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Some thoughts attached. Feel free to give me a call to discuss.

Thanks,

Taylor Meredith  
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**From:** Linkins, Samantha <[Linkins.Samantha@epa.gov](mailto:Linkins.Samantha@epa.gov)>  
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Yes. Attached is the latest. I've just sent it to the expert to make sure we don't need to change anything. Please note that we will need OPA's help in actually posting the assessment and the supporting documents; since the draft assessments were posted on [epa.gov/pfas](http://epa.gov/pfas) we think the final should be posted there as well and OPA controls those pages.

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Thanks .. can you send me the latest draft of the press release thanks ng

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I think the comms language should still be accurate, but let me double check!

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I'm hearing that PFBS has shaken loose and it looks like we may be able to get it out next week. Are there any updates that ORD needs to make to the comms materials that you sent us back in November?

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**From:** Linkins, Samantha <[Linkins.Samantha@epa.gov](mailto:Linkins.Samantha@epa.gov)>

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Hi all,

ORD is briefing the Administrator today on the PFBS assessment. We aren't exactly sure of the timing yet, but it could be pretty fast after the briefing! The latest press release is attached. Jennifer/David approved this, and OLEM and OW have been looped in.

-Sam

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea <[Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov](mailto:Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov)>

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Thank you for the update!

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Hi all – just wanted to let you know that the release of the PFBS assessment has been pushed back to mid-late November.

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Hi OPA,

ORD is getting ready to release the final PFBS (a PFAS) toxicity assessment. ORD is briefing the Administrator on the assessment next Tuesday, and the current plan is to post the assessment on Friday Oct 30. I've attached a draft press release about the assessment for your review. Jennifer and David have reviewed this. I've also shared this with OW and OLEM as an fyi.

Also, we will need assistance in posting the actual assessment (and supporting documents). The draft assessment was posted about a year ago on <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/genx-and-pfbs-draft-toxicity-assessments>. We think the final should also be posted on [epa.gov/pfas](https://www.epa.gov/pfas) for consistency and OPA owns/operates this suite of webpages. Who should we work with to post the final assessment? We will also have two fact sheets to post, one for the general public and the other more technical. Please advise.

Thanks,  
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